

**ALAMEDA COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2008
OAKLAND, CA**

1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

2.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

2.1 Minutes of September 2, 2008

2.2 Deputy Director's Report

2.3 Funding Opportunities

A motion was made by Carmichael-Hart to approve the consent calendar; Odumade made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 2nd Cycle Lifeline Transportation Fund: Draft Program

Taylor requested ACTAC to approve the draft program for the Second Cycle Lifeline Transportation Fund, which reflected the revised fund estimate for the program based on the recently approved State budget. Taylor also stated that the purpose of the Lifeline Transportation Program is to fund projects that result in improved mobility for low-income residents of Alameda County. After discussion, Cooke recommended that an alternative ranking of the projects be forwarded to the Board (1) reflecting a modified weighting of the criteria as follows: changing the "Coordination, Outreach Program" criteria weighting from 20 to 30, and changing the "Demonstrates Cost Effectiveness includes performance Measures" criteria weighting from 15 to 5, and (2) considering the criteria "Meets Lifeline needs, stated goals and objectives" and "Demonstrates it meets demand of Lifeline population" together if appropriate. A second was made by Nichols. The motion passed with 15 ayes and 1 nay. ACTAC also requested that staff post additional information about the process for selecting projects and the applications on the website. Fay suggested that ACTAC recommend that the Board release the draft program for public comment. A motion was made by Carmichael-Hart; a second was made by Odumade. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Soundwall and other Noise Abatement Techniques

Bhat requested ACTAC to accept the Soundwall report. A motion was made by Carmichael-Hart to accept the report; a second was made by Odumade. The motion passed unanimously.

3.3 Project Monitoring Reports

3.3.1 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP): At Risk Report

James O'Brien of Advance Project Delivery requested ACTAC to approve the Quarterly At Risk report for local projects programmed in the STIP. A motion was made by Lee to approve the report; a second was made by Odumade. The motion passed unanimously.

3.3.2 Federal Surface Transportation/Congestion Mitigation

Air Quality (STP/CMAQ) Program: At Risk Report

James O'Brien of Advance Project Delivery requested ACTAC to approve the Quarterly At Risk report for local projects programmed in the Federal STP/CMAQ Program. A motion was made by Carmichael-Hart to approve the report; a second was made by Ross. The motion passed unanimously.

3.3.3 CMA Exchange Program: Quarterly Status Report

James O'Brien of Advance Project Delivery requested ACTAC to approve the Quarterly Status Report for projects in the CMA Exchange Program. A motion was made by Carmichael-Hart to approve the report; a second was made by Spencer. The motion passed unanimously.

3.3.4 Transportation for Clean Air (TFCA) Program: At Risk Report

Taylor requested ACTAC to approve the Quarterly At Risk report for projects programmed in the TFCA Program. A motion was made by Odumade to approve the report; a second was made by Bourgeois. The motion passed unanimously.

3.3.5 Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Quarterly Report

Walukas requested ACTAC to approve the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Quarterly Fund Monitoring and Project Status Report. The report provided project and funding status of 10 Transit Oriented Development projects identified in the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP). A motion was made by Nichols to approve the report; a second was made by Spencer. The motion passed unanimously.

3.4 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Commitments: Policy

Todd requested ACTAC to comment and provide direction on components of a policy for programming future STIP funds. The policy is proposed to address the following: MTC Revised Resolution 3434, Previous STIP commitments made by the ACCMA, Infrastructure Bond Projects. Information regarding the policy was given at the meeting. This item was presented for information only.

4.0 NON-ACTION ITEMS

Staff recommended moving to **Agenda Item 4.2**. The committee agreed

4.2 Congestion Management Program (CMP): 2007 Conformity

Walukas informed ACTAC members that letters were sent to the local jurisdictions on August 17th requesting information on Tier 1 requirements and TDM requirements as well as status reports from certain jurisdictions on implementing deficiency plans. She said that comments were due by September 28th for the Land Use Analysis Program and the TDM Element and by October 15th for the deficiency plan status reports. She also informed ACTAC that the local jurisdictions were required to comply with the CMP as follows: 1) (a) Tier 1 Land Use Analysis – submit to CMA all Notice of Preparations, EIRs and General Plan amendments; (b) Tier 2 Land Use Forecasts- review of ABAG Projections by traffic analysis zones; 2) Traffic Demand Management – Complete Site Design Checklist; 3) Payment of Fees; and 4) Deficiency Plans, as needed in some jurisdictions. ACTAC was informed that the final conformity findings will be presented to the CMA Board at its December 2008 meeting. This item was presented for information only.

4.1 Climate Action Strategy

Walukas informed ACTAC that its comments from the September meeting were incorporated and were shown in bold in the revised strategy. Walukas also stated that staff was collecting information about the status of climate action activities identified by the Alameda County jurisdictions and MTC so that near term, mid term and long term actions can be identified. Walukas informed ACTAC that staff will be using the strategy as input for developing a Climate Action item for the December Board retreat. At the retreat, it is anticipated that a presentation will be made describing global, regional and local climate action activities and a recommendation made for a strategy for the CMA to implement. This item was presented for information only.

4.3 TFCA Program Manager Funds

Todd informed ACTAC that the County Program Managers have been discussing issues related to the TFCA program with the BAAQMD over the last two years including the schedule of the program and how it is administered. Todd informed the committee that the BAAQMD staff have proposed an alternative administration proposal for the program. Information regarding the proposal was given at the meeting. This item was presented for information only.

4.4 Draft FFY 2008-09 STP/CMAQ Obligation Plan

Bhat informed ACTAC that Caltrans and the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) require that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) submit an annual obligation plan that includes all federal-aid projects with funding expected to be obligated that year. Due to FY 2008-09 being the last year of SAFETEA as well as MTC's need to fully obligate all STP and CMAQ apportionment and obligation authority by the end of the federal fiscal year, local agencies whose projects are on the obligation plan are expected to receive their obligation by April 30, 2009 and projects that do not obligate by April 30 are subject to lose their programmed federal funds. Bhat informed ACTAC that in order to obligate the funds by April 30, 2009 project sponsors should submit their completed and accurate obligation requests to Caltrans by February 1, 2009. This item was presented for information only.

4.5 Concrete Bus Pads

John Twitchell from AC Transit discussed with ACTAC strategies to address the need for concrete bus pads. This item was presented for information only.

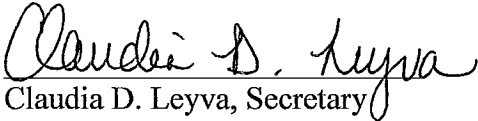
5.0 LEGISLATION ITEMS

Fay briefed ACTAC on several bills and on the report from Steve Wallach that will be found in the Committee meeting agenda. This item was presented for information only.

6.0 OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: - November 4, 2008, CMA Office, 1333 Broadway, Suite 220, Oakland, CA 94612.

Attest By:


Claudia D. Leyva, Secretary

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